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## ***Community E-lert®***

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### **FORCED ENTRY RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

On December 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 5:22 PM, a Medina Officer responded to an audible alarm in the 8800 block of Overlake Drive West. Upon arrival, the officer discovered the front door to the home had been kicked in. Once inside, the burglar(s) attempted to access the office and master bedroom area but were unable to break through the interior door leading to those rooms, as it was secured with a deadbolt. Their entry into the home triggered the audible alarm system, so the burglar(s) exited quickly without removing any items. Officers conducted a search of the area but were unable to locate the suspect(s). Since the homeowner's were out of town, their emergency contact responded and the home was re-secured. It was determined that although the front door had been locked at the time of the burglary, the deadbolt had not been secured.

Later that evening at approximately 10:00 PM, a Medina Officer was again dispatched to an audible alarm at the same home. Upon arrival the officer discovered this time the rear sliding glass door leading directly to the master bedroom had been smashed. Once inside, the burglar(s) rummaged through the room, but left quickly before removing any items. A K-9 unit from the Kirkland Police Department and several officers from the Bellevue Police Department responded to assist in establishing a perimeter and to search for the suspect(s).

A person of interest with an extensive criminal history including five burglary convictions was contacted in the area of Overlake Drive East and Lake Washington Blvd. The subject was interviewed, but no arrests have been made as of this time. The Medina Police Department is currently investigating this incident and evidence collected at the scene will be sent for processing.

### **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

- This incident demonstrates how an alarm system can be an effective crime prevention tool. If your home is equipped with a security system, continue to activate it whenever possible.
- Be sure all the exterior doors and windows of your home are properly secured. Doors should be locked and deadbolted, and French style double doors should be locked and secured with an upper and/or lower slide-latch.
- Be watchful of your neighborhood and call 911 anytime you see or hear any suspicious persons, activity, or noise. An officer will gladly respond and investigate, day or night.

If you have questions about this incident, please call the Medina Police Department at 425-233-6420.